



# News Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Slide Removal Work on Southbound Conant Road Off Ramp on Interstate 5**

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is conducting emergency removal work on a slide, approximately 75-ft wide by 200-ft tall, of which 10,000 cubic yards of mud, rock and trees came down on the roadway. This occurred on the southbound Interstate 5, Conant Rd. off ramp, near the Shasta/Siskiyou County line just south of Dunsmuir, during the morning hours of February 17, 2004.

The off ramp is currently closed and the slide area is being monitored. Access to northbound I-5 is still available at Conant Road, southbound traffic must exit at Flume Creek, return to I-5 north and exit Conant Road. There is no estimated time of reopening. Once work begins it will take approximately one week before the ramp is opened and up to six weeks for the completion of the work.

Work may begin as soon as Saturday, February 21, 2004, but will not begin until worker safety can be assured. "The current conditions of the slide material prevent us from beginning removal work immediately," said Tim Huckabay, District Maintenance Engineer. "It isn't safe to put personnel and equipment under the slide while it's still so wet and active."

The project will include removal of the slide material, new drainage, installation of a 10-ft. tall rock buttress the length of the slide and re-vegetation of the hillside. The start of work is dependent on the weather and the activity of the slide. Caltrans maintenance staff is monitoring the slide and has placed barrier rail to help protect the southbound lanes of I-5 from falling debris. Currently all lanes of I-5 are open, however saturated soil conditions increase the possibility of further slide activity, and impacts to southbound I-5. The estimated cost to clean up and repair the hillside is \$1.2 million.

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**NOTE: Photos and video clips of the slide, as well as an electronic version of this news release are available on the internet at the following web address:**  
**[http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/news\\_releases.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/news_releases.htm)**

